Building English Vocabulary
Book 2

Egg Long Peas

Mouse Happy

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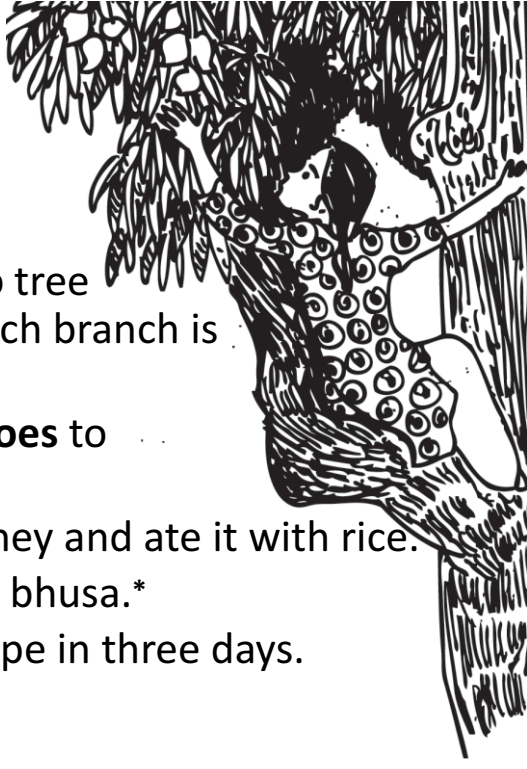
My

This is **my** notebook.
I will give it to **my** friend.
He will write a poem in it.

My sister gave me a box
of crayons.
I drew her picture in **my** notebook.

Mangoes



Did you see the **mango** tree near Tingu's house? Each branch is full of **mangoes**.

His mother gave **mangoes** to all the children.

We made **mango** chutney and ate it with rice.

I put some **mangoes** in bhusa.*

The **mangoes** turned ripe in three days.

*wheat husk

Meat

We eat **meat** once a week.
Some children like fish **meat**.
Some children like goat **meat**.
I like all kinds of **meat**.
Meat has become very expensive.

Mother

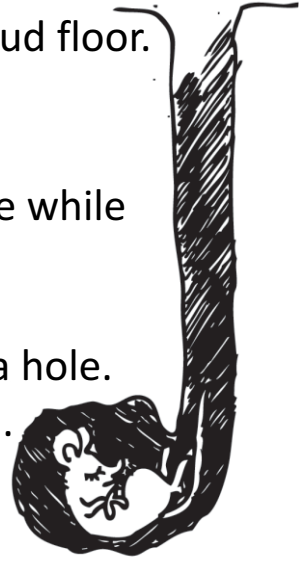
My **mother** wakes up early in the morning.
She goes to collect scrap.
Jannat's **mother** carries lights in baraats.*
Rehan’s **mother** weaves carpets.
What does your **mother** do?

Roshan likes to help
his **mother**. He cleans
the house in the mornings.

*bridegroom’s wedding procession

Mouse

A **mouse** has been digging up the mud floor.
There are many holes in it.
It has also chewed up the T.V. wire.
One night, the **mouse** bit Mona's toe while she was fast asleep.
She screamed loudly.
The **mouse** got scared and ran into a hole.
Mona also got scared and ran to Ma.



Meet

Let's **meet** at the park. We will make posters for the dharna.*

I don't want to **meet** Sumit. He will ask me for money.

Arif is going to **meet** Ruhi after school. They will do their homework together.

Rama **met** Jaya in Delhi last week.

*protest

Meeting

Savita Didi is in a **meeting**.
She will come late to class.

The government wants to
demolish our basti.
A company wants to
build a mall here.
The basti people have called a
meeting about this tonight.
My parents will go for the **meeting**.

Man

A **man** came home today.
He was looking for my father.
The **man** was a thekedar.*
He needed some **men**
to work at the construction site.

There were many **men** in the bus.
One **man** kept falling on Ma.
Ma pushed him away and said, “Stand straight.”

*contractor

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

my	**mangoes**	**mud**
mouse	**mother**	**money**
me	**meat**	**meet**
meeting	**mat**	**marry**
home	**name**	**camp**

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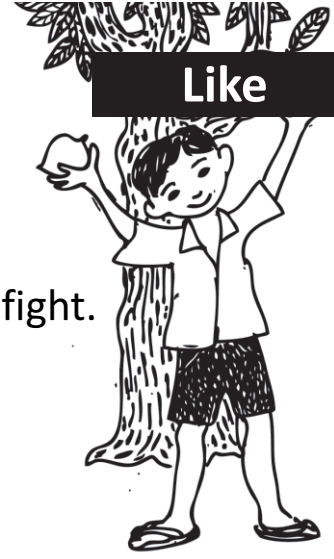
Like



I **like** Ma. I **like** Baba.
I don't **like** it when Ma and Baba fight.

Prema **likes** to climb trees.
Salman **likes** to cycle.

Jeetu's mother bought him a blue kurta.*
He **liked** it very much.

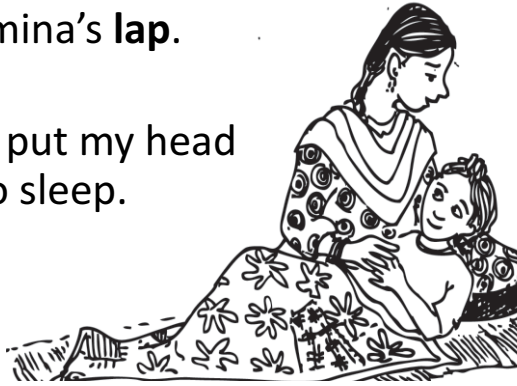
*long shirt

Lap

The train was very crowded.
Lakha was too big for Bua's* **lap**.
He had to stand all the way.

The cat likes to sit in Amina's **lap**.

I was not feeling well. I put my head in Ma's **lap** and went to sleep.



*father's sister

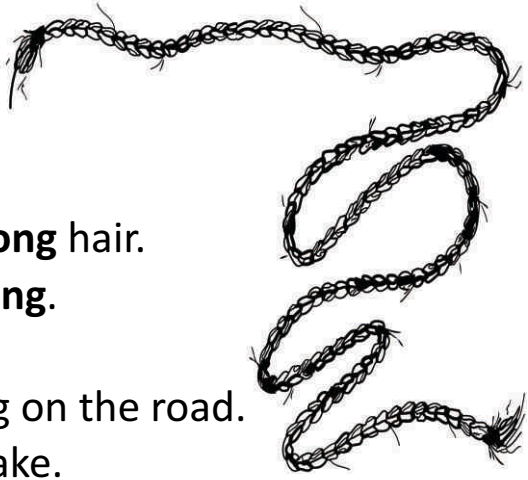
Lock

Brajesh **locked** up the school yesterday.

Tasveer has **locked** his cycle.
Will you get the keys from him?

I can’t turn the key in this **lock**.
I think the **lock** is rusted.
Let’s oil it and clean it.

Long



Lalita's mother has **long** hair.
Rohini's hair is not **long**.

A **long** rope was lying on the road.
I thought it was a snake.

My brother used a **long** stick
to break jaamuns from
the tree.

Long

This is not a **long** sentence.
I am learning to read **long** sentences.

The film was so **long** that Jhilli fell asleep.

Varun waited for a **long** time. But his friend did not come.

Labourer

Roshan’s father is a **labourer**.
He works at a construction site.

Aarti's mother is also a **labourer**.
She sorts potatoes at the market.
She gets only 50 rupees for one day’s **labour**.

Manual **labour** is very hard work, but **labourers** get paid very little.

Lake

There is a small **lake** behind the big mosque.
There are many lotuses in the **lake**.
Irfan's house is near the **lake**.
On Sundays, he and his sister go fishing.

I saw a photograph of the Dal **Lake** in Srinagar.
People were selling vegetables from boats on the **lake**.

Cold

Winter is here again.
I don't like **cold** weather.

Goat kids die in the **cold**.
Old people fall ill in the **cold**.

Nana's* teeth hurt when
he eats **cold** things.

*maternal grandfather

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

like	**lap**	**lock**
long	**labour**	**lake**
last	**lick**	**large**
cold	**sell**	**alone**
wall	**fool**	**slap**

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Hand

Your **hand** is small.
My **hand** is big.

Please give me some soap.
I want to wash my **hands**.

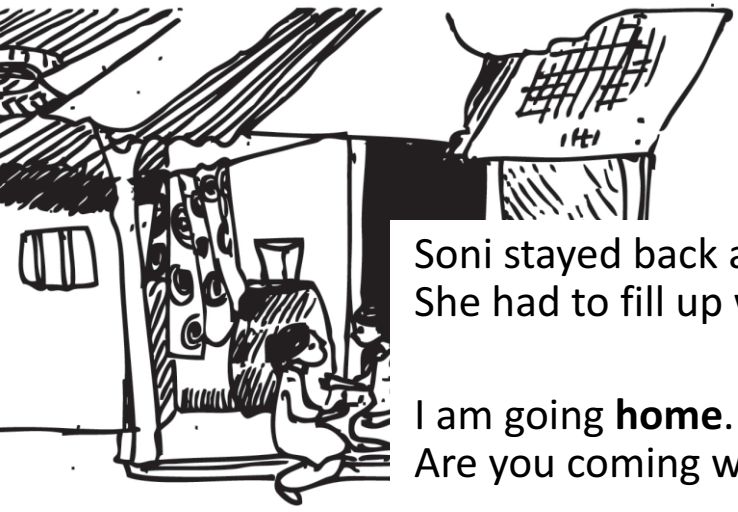
What is Rubina hiding in her **hand**?

Hair

My **hair** was dry and tangled.
Ma oiled and combed it.
Then she tied it into two neat plaits.

Dadi’s **hair** is orange.
She puts henna in it.

People tease Shaheen because she has short **hair**. She doesn't care.
She says, "I will keep my **hair** the way I like it."



Home

Soni stayed back at **home**.
She had to fill up water.

I am going **home**.
Are you coming with me?

Baba will not come **home** tonight. He is working on the night shift.

Happy

Rajani was **happy** to meet her friend.

My father was **happy** to see me read.

Sheetal felt **happy** when she got a new sweater.

Chanda is **happy** today. Her mother is coming back from Raipur.

Hit

My father **hits** my mother.
My jeeja* **hits** my sister.
Why do so many men
hit women? It is not right.

The Maths teacher **hit** Deepa with a cane.
She stopped coming to school.
We made a big poster that said
'Don't **hit** children', and hung it on the
Maths teacher's bike.

*brother-in-law

Hungry

I feel **hungry** in the mornings.
When I am **hungry**, my stomach rumbles.

Amit was very tired yesterday.
He went to sleep, **hungry**.

The cat was **hungry**.
She caught a mouse and ate it.

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

hand	**hair**	**home**
happy	**hot**	**hop**
hit	**hip**	**his**
hungry	**head**	**help**
he	**heat**	**heal**

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Eat

I am hungry.
Is there anything to **eat**?
Yes, Mita has kept some rice for you.

Yesterday, I **ate** a plate of biryani
in the market. Tara **ate** a samosa.

Saira is not feeling well.
She does not feel like **eating** anything.

Easy

Neha finds it **easy** to read English.
Rahul finds it **easy** to play the dhol.

It is not **easy** to earn money.
People have to work very hard.

The exam was **easy**.
I knew all the answers.

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

eat	**easy**	**east**
each	**eagle**	**pea**
read	**meat**	**neat**
beat	**seat**	**feed**
feel	**seed**	**peel**

Eggs

Everyday, a man comes to the basti to sell **eggs**.

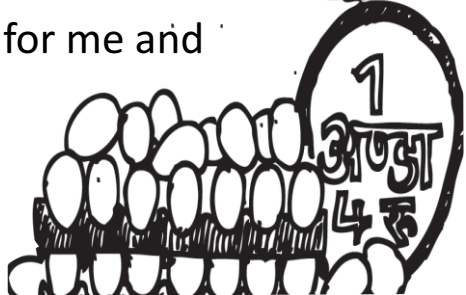
On Sunday, I ate a fried **egg** at his thela.*

I also wanted to eat a boiled **egg**.

But I did not have the money.

I will save some money and buy two **eggs** tomorrow.

I will then boil them, one for me and one for my sister.



*cart

Empty

The baby birds flew away.
The nest is now **empty**.

Empty out the trunk.
It is full of baby mice.

My cup is **empty**. Who drank my tea?

Aji* has to take one medicine on an **empty** stomach and another after her meal.

*grandmother

Elbow

Kazim likes to play marbles but he is afraid of grazing his **elbow**.

Sana lay propped on her **elbow**, reading a book.

Sudhir **elbowed** his way through the crowd and got into the train.

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

egg	**elbow**	**elder**
empty	**end**	**enter**
engine	**elastic**	**electric**
echo	**engage**	**employ**
pen	**ten**	**send**

Earn

Sana **earns** well in the Diwali season. She sells diyas* at the market square.

Karan's parents make bricks at the bhatti.**
Karan helps them.
Together they **earn** 130 rupees a day

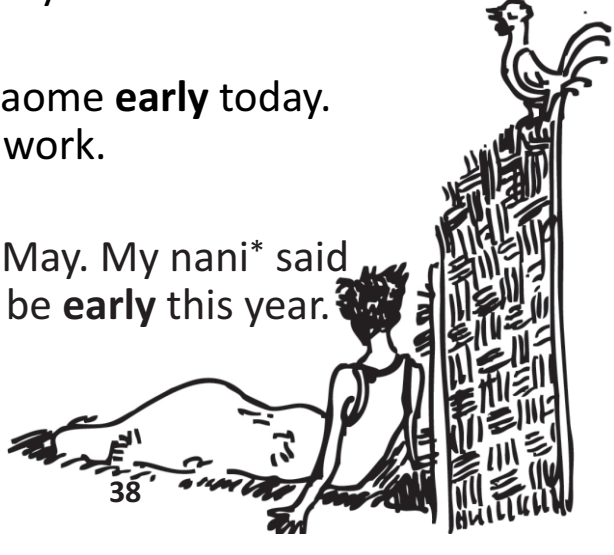
*earthen lamps **kiln

Early

I woke up **early** in the morning. The birds were chirping loudly.

My father came haome **early** today. He could not find work.

It was very hot in May. My nani* said that the rains will be **early** this year.



*maternal grandmother

River

We are all going to the **river** with my **father**.
My father loves the **water**.
He can swim across the wide **river**.
No one else in the village can do that.
I will **learn** swimming from my **father** today.
Earlier, my father would refuse to teach me.
This **summer**, he told me I am old enough to l**earn**.
I am very happy today.

Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

earn	**early**	**earth**
learn	**river**	**her**
pepper	**after**	**letter**
number	**summer**	**paper**
barber	**water**	**sister**

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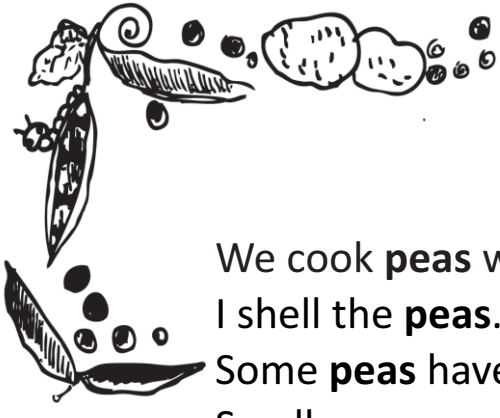


Peas and Potatoes

We cook **peas** with **potatoes**.

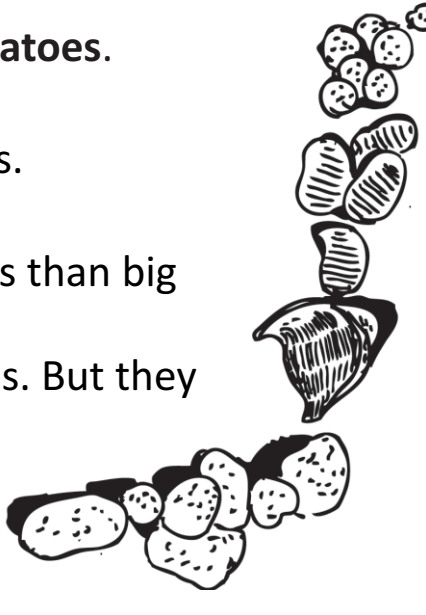
I shell the **peas**.

Some **peas** have insects.

Small **peas** are sweet.

Small **potatoes** cost less than big **potatoes.**

I like to eat **potato** chips. But they cost 5 rupees.



Police

There was a theft in the market.

The **police** came to our mohalla.*

The **police** took some men and women to the thana.

They also took the children.

The **police** men beat people up in the thana.**

They kept them for two days and two nights, and then sent them away.

People are angry with the **police**.

*locality **police-station

Pants

Dinesh has a pair of blue **pants**.
Mala does not have **pants**.
Mala likes to wear **pants**.
Some people don't like girls wearing **pants**.
What is wrong with girls wearing **pants**?
People buy old **pants** in the Saturday market.
Mala is saving money to buy **pants** from there.

Paint

My parents **paint** houses
in the big colony.

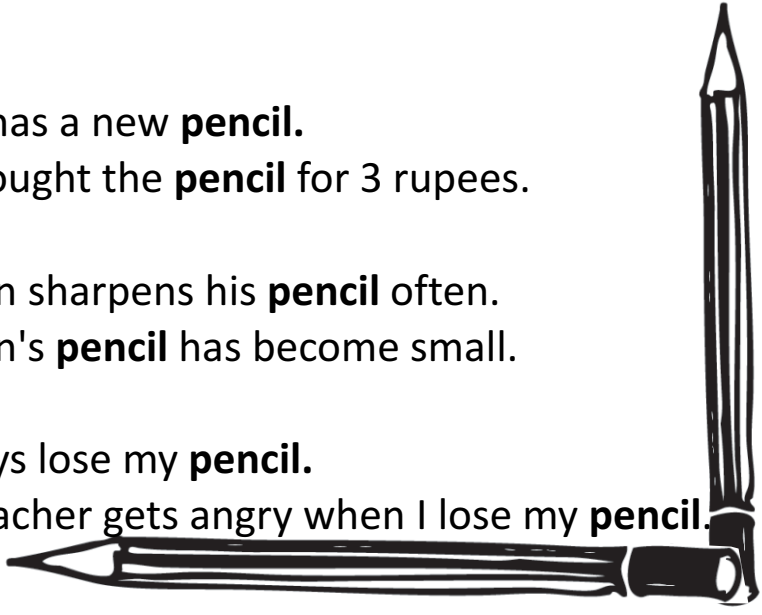
Ma washed the big **paint** bucket.
We will store water in it.

Savita **painted** the blackboard.
Now, when she writes on it, we can
see the words clearly.

Paint

We **painted** in class today.
Veenu made a beautiful **painting**.
There was a big sun in the **painting**.

Pencil



Mala has a new **pencil.**
She bought the **pencil** for 3 rupees.

Roshan sharpens his **pencil** often.
Roshan's **pencil** has become small.

I always lose my **pencil.**
My teacher gets angry when I lose my **pencil.**

Pain

Dadi has a **pain** is her knees.

In winters, her knees and hands are very **painful**. They start to swell.

The doctor said to my father, “If your back **pains**, don't exercise.”

Extracting a tooth is a **painful** process.
Parri was scared of the **pain**.
She refused to go to the dentist.

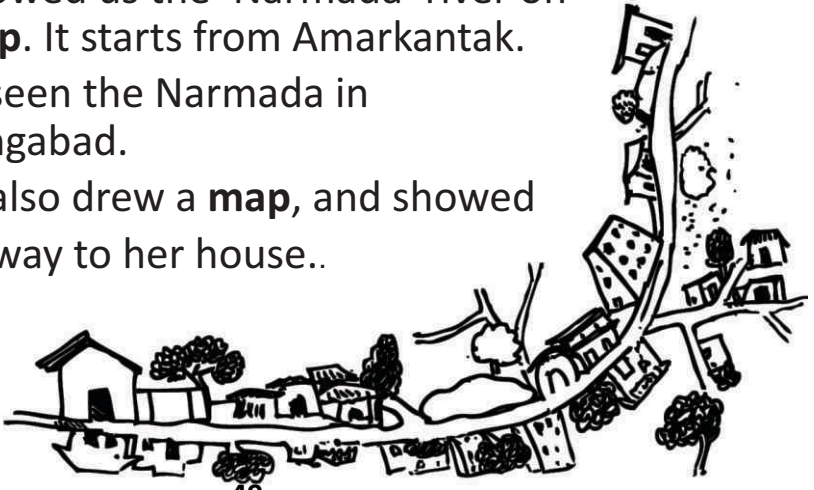
Map

Maya drew a **map** of India.

She showed us the ‘Narmada’ river on the **map**. It starts from Amarkantak.

I have seen the Narmada in Hoshangabad.

Kanak also drew a **map**, and showed us the way to her house..



Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

pea	**pants**	**pot**
pain	**paint**	**plain**
pen	**pencil**	**police**
pit	**pin**	**pig**
clap	**peel**	**sleep**

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